

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending.

**Response to Claim Rejections Under § 103**

Claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,663,226 to Scholl et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 demonstrating unexpectedly superior result commensurate in scope with the present claims.

More particularly, each of the silane compounds of Additional Examples 1 to 8 was prepared in accordance with the procedures used to prepare Synthesis Example 5 of the present specification, except that the same moles of alkylene dichloride corresponding to the carbon number of R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> was used in place of 1,6-dichloro-hexane used in Synthesis Example 5.

Moreover, each of the silane compounds of Additional Examples 9 to 24 was prepared in accordance with the procedures used to prepare Synthesis Example 11 of the present specification, except that the same moles of chlorine-containing silane compound and alkylene dichloride corresponding to the carbon number of R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup> or R<sup>10</sup> were used in place of the chlorine-containing silane compound and 1,6-dichloro-hexane used in Synthesis Example 11.

As can be seen from the results presented in Tables A, B and C in the Declaration, the present invention provides unexpectedly superior results (e.g., with respect to abrasion resistance) commensurate in scope with the claims.

Thus, Scholl fails to render obvious the present claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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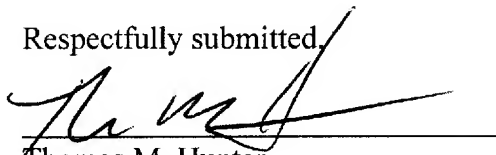
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